



Tuskegee National Forest

PUBLIC NOTICE

Prescribed Burn

(Tuskegee, AL) February 7, 2024 - USDA Forest Service federal fire management specialists on the Tuskegee National Forest are planning to conduct a 318-acre prescribed burn (controlled burn) today approximately 6 miles northeast of Tuskegee near the Ranger Office. The burn area contains portions of the Bartram Trail and the Bedford Cash-Bold Destiny Horse Trail which will be closed.

Forest Service Roads 906 and 908 form the burn boundary and should be traveled with caution. The public will encounter Forest Service fire crews and equipment on these roads. The wind is expected to be out of the east and will carry the smoke to the west towards Exit 42 at the intersection of AL 186 and I-85. Smoke will be visible from I-85, AL Highway 186, and US Highways 29. As the temperatures cool later today, the smoke will settle down the Choctawfaula drainage in the vicinity of Exit 42 on I-85. Some settling will also occur around the area of the burn on the Forest.

If encountering smoke on roadways, please slow down, turn on your low-beam headlights and use caution when encountering prescribed burning operations and smoke.

Prescribed burns are low-intensity fires ignited by trained personnel to remove excess fuels such as vegetation and dead wood that would enable wildfires to burn hotter and longer.

Prescribed fire is an important management tool to improve the health of southern forest landscapes and improve plant and animal habitat. Prescribed fire plays a critical role in restoring the longleaf pine forest ecosystem. Applying prescribed fire on the land at the right place, at the right time, under the right conditions benefits the land and the surrounding communities.

For additional information, contact the Tuskegee National Forest at (334) 552-3145. Or visit www.fs.usda.gov/alabama